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REPORT

FOR 1897.

To the Members of

NORTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my report for the year 1897, and I am glad to say the year has been an exceedingly healthy one in this district, and the death-rate is a very low one, there being only 44 deaths, as compared with 60 in 1896, 16 of these being infants under 6 months of age.

There have been very few cases of Measles, but there was one fatal case. There have been no cases of Small-pox in the district.

Appended is a detailed account of Infectious Diseases :—

Erysipelas	10 cases.
Scarlatina	10 „
Typhoid Fever	2 „

SCARLATINA.

These cases were of a mild description, and confined to five families. Most probably some of the cases were traceable to the Rillington district, where there were a great many cases.

TYPHOID FEVER.

The two cases were in different parts of the town, and the cause could not be traced.

I may say that our Water Supply is of the purest, and unlikely to get contaminated.

WHOOPING COUGH

Has been for some months very prevalent, and there have been three fatal cases.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Estimating the population at 50 more than in 1896, *i.e.*, 3,900, with 44 deaths brings the death-rate to 11·3, as compared with 15·5 in 1896.

The number of births registered were 118, making the birth-rate 30·2, as against 34·8 in 1896.

BIRTHS.				DEATHS.			
	Males.	Females.	Totl.		Males.	Females.	Totl.
January	7	.. 7	.. 14	January	2	.. 1	.. 3
February	5	.. 4	.. 9	February	3	.. 2	.. 5
March.....	10	.. 5	.. 15	March.....	2	.. 3	.. 5
April	6	.. 3	.. 9	April	3	.. 2	.. 5
May	3	.. 3	.. 6	May	2	.. 1	.. 3
June	4	.. 7	.. 11	June	3	.. 0	.. 3
July	6	.. 5	.. 11	July	0	.. 1	.. 1
August	8	.. 3	.. 11	August	1	.. 3	.. 4
September....	3	.. 5	.. 8	September....	2	.. 1	.. 3
October	1	.. 5	.. 6	October	0	.. 1	.. 1
November	6	.. 8	.. 14	November	4	.. 2	.. 6
December	2	.. 2	.. 4	December	3	.. 2	.. 5
Total 61				Total.... 25			
		57	118			19	44

MORTALITY AS TO AGE.

Under One Year.	Between 1 year and 7 years.	Between 7 years and 21 years.	Between 21 years and 60 years.	60 years and above.	Total.
19	3	0	6	16	44

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Measles.	Diarrhœa.	Bronchitis and Pneumonia.	Heart Disease.	Phthisis.	Whooping Cough.	Infants under two months.	Other Diseases.	Total.
1	1	5	1	2	3	8	23	44

SANITARY WORK.

From your Surveyor's books I find that 32 Nuisances have been reported during the year. These, with the exception of 4 have been remedied.

The district about Scarboro' Road requires draining efficiently. The scheme now before your board will, I think, meet all requirements.

NUISANCES.

Accumulation of Manure	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Sewerage Tanks emptied	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Old Brick Traps replaced by Earthenware Sanitary ones	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Rows of Houses re-drained, viz., Piccadilly and Ebenezer Cottages	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Privies and Ashpits repaired and re-built	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Water Closet re-built	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drains opened and cleaned	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Gutter cleaned out	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

I am, Gentleman,

Yours obediently,

R. H. F. BOSTOCK,

Medical Officer of Health.

Norton, February 3rd, 1898.



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